GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2808
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UPPER KRISHNA HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PROJECT
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) has been awarded theUpper Krishna Hydro-Electric Project to build a 297 MW dam power house near the Alamatti dam and an 810 MW cascade scheme at the Narayanpur Reservoir;

(b) if so, whether this project was given to one private (CPCL) organisation in 1993; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Government of Karnataka (GoK) had accorded permission to The Asia Power Company (M/s. TAPCO) for establishing a power plant of 600 MW in the first stage and 360 MW in the second stage, totaling to 960 MW, vide their order dated 10th November, 1993. Later, M/s. TAPCO formed an Indian Company, viz. M/s.Chamundi Power Corporation Limited (CPCL) to implement the cluster of hydel power projects at Almatti Dam and below Narayanapura Reservoir. Further, GOK permitted CPCL to implement the cluster of hydel projects with an approximate capacity of 960 MW. However, due to the fact that the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) have offered to implement the Almatti Dam Power House at a cost significantly lowerthan that submitted by CPCL, and other related factors, GOK, vide their order dated 2ndJanuary, 2001, have withdrawn the Upper Krishna Hydro-Electric project allotted to CPCL and entrusted the said work, which includes 297 MW Almatti Dam Power Houseand 810 MW cascade power schemes below Narayanapura Reservoir, to KPCL.